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TAGS: ETRD, EFIN, FR, UR, EEC

SUBJECT: NEW FRENCH-SOVIET ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT

INITIALLED: FACE SAVING AGAINST THE EEC?

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1. PRAVDA MORNING OCTOBER 25 REPORTS COMPLETION OF "NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW BETWEEN "SOVIET AND FRENCH DELEGATIONS ON CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN USSR AND FRANCE REGARDING ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOR THE PERIOD 1975-1979." ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT "THIS AGREEMENT REPLACES THE EXISTING FIVE-YEAR TRADE AND ECONOMIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WHICH EXPIRES THIS YEAR." AGREED TEXT OF AGREEMENT WAS INITIALLED OCTOBER 24 IN MOSCOW IN CEREMONY ATTENDED BY SOVIET MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO USSR VIMONT. SIGNATURE WILL TAKE PLACE IN NEAR FUTURE IN PARIS.

2. COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT NEW AGREEMENT IS REPORTED FLATLY AS AGREEMENT ONLY ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH NO MENTION OF TRADE. ON BALANCE, THIS AGREEMENT, AND SIMILAR ONE NOW UNDER NEGOTIATION WITH FRG (REF B), APPEAR TO BE FACE SAVING DEVICES. THEIR PURPOSE IS APPARENTLY TO DEMONSTRATE TO SOVIET PUBLIC AND PERHAPS ALSO TO WORLD AT LARGE THAT USSR CONTINUES TO HAVE BILATERAL "ECONOMIC" AGREEMENTS WITH EEC COUNTRIES DESPITE "RUMORS AND REPORTS" THAT ON JANUARY 1, 1975 THE EC COMMISSION WILL ASSUME COMPETENCE FOR NEGOTIATION OF ALL BILATERAL COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS BY EEC COUNTRIES.  
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